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Islamic Republic of Iran:* draft resolution

Twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Istanbul Declaration on Human Settlements,[1] and the Habitat Agenda[2] adopted in Istanbul in 1996,

Also recalling the report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly, on an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), held in New York from 6 to 8 June 2001,[3]

Stressing the importance of the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium,[4] which was adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth special session,

Recognizing the need for renewed political will for the mobilization and allocation of new and additional resources at the national and international levels in order to achieve full and accelerated implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), Istanbul, 3-14 June 1996* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.97.IV.6), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

[2] Ibid., annex II.

[3] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Special Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/S-25/7/Rev.1).

[4] Resolution S-25/2, annex.

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Reiterating that strengthened international cooperation is essential for the effective implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium,

Recalling the goal of improving the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers by the year 2020,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[5]

2. *Reaffirms* the importance of the full implementation by the international community of the commitments to support developing countries in their efforts to implement the Istanbul Declaration on Human Settlements,[1] the Habitat Agenda[2] and the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium;[4]

3. *Emphasizes* the importance of placing adequate shelter for all and sustainable human settlements development in an urbanizing world, as contained in the Habitat Agenda and in the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium, particularly in developing countries, at the centre of policy-making at the national and international levels;

4. *Recognizes* that Governments have the primary responsibility, at the national level, for the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium, and stresses that the international community should support Governments in their efforts through providing requisite means of implementation and through the creation of an international enabling environment;

5. *Requests* the relevant bodies of the United Nations system, including the specialized agencies, programmes, funds and regional commissions, as well as the World Bank and regional development banks, consistent with their respective mandates, to fully support the effective implementation at the national level of the Habitat Agenda and the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium;

6. *Invites* all Habitat Agenda partners to contribute to the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium;

7. *Urges* the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements to further strengthen the regional programme activity centres of the Centre in order to provide improved technical cooperation services to national Governments to implement the Habitat Agenda and the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium at the national and local levels;

8. *Invites* Governments and the Habitat Agenda partners, including local authorities, to facilitate the dissemination of the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium;

9. *Requests* the Executive Director of the Centre to ensure its participation in the International Conference on Financing for Development and in the World Summit for Sustainable Development and their preparatory processes;

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[5] A/56/477.

10. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session an item entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly", and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.